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Sea Lots Channel and Turning Basin Restored to Original Depth After 15 Years

T&T to Benefit from Growth in Trade and Revenue

The Sea Lots Channel and Turning Basin has been fully restored to its original design depth for the first time in approximately 15 years.

Commissioned by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI), the restoration project was executed by National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy) on behalf of the Trinidad & Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited (NP).

During the period December 2023 to July 2024, National Energy project managed the dredging in accordance with international best practices and adherence to stringent HSSE procedures which resulted in zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs).

National Energy's President, Dr. Vernon Paltoo, expressed his satisfaction with the management of the project saying: "We are pleased to have restored the Sea Lots Channel and Turning Basin, using our proven expertise in dredging operations from completing similar projects at our ports in Point Lisas, Galeota, and La Brea. Our experience allowed us to complete this project efficiently and within budget. This achievement further demonstrates National Energy's capability to deliver on critical national projects that benefit the economy and citizens of Trinidad and Tobago."

Derek Luk Pat, NP's Chief Executive Officer, shared his excitement about the benefits to be derived from the project, saying: "NP is pleased with the safe and successful completion of this dredging project. We are already implementing plans to increase the port's capacity to accommodate larger vessels. We look forward to the positive impact this would have on the economy's trade and revenue generation."

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Photo 1 – Caption: Costa la Luz Dredging Vessel at the Sea Lots Channel and Turning Basin



Photo 2 – File Photo: Dr. Vernon Paltoo, President of National Energy (left), and Derek Luk Pat, CEO of NP (right) engage in discussion during a prior meeting